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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-14 are amended.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102/103

Claims 7-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(a) or (e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Camillus et al., U.S. Publication No. US2003/0124451.

Claims 3, 4, and 7-14 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being fully met by Polykarpov et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,080,520.

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Camillus et al., '451, Polykarpov et al., '520, and Polykarpov et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,489,087.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Camillus et al., '451 and Anderson et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,383,707.

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Camillus et al., '451, Koshizuka et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,534,372, and Bernicker, U.S. Patent No. 5,958,528.

In view of the above rejections, each of the claims has been amended to clarify the invention. Specifically, each claim has been amended to clarify that the identification card is formed before any image is printed. In other words, a sealed card, with second support sealed to the first support with the imaging layer there between, is presented for photographic activation. It is the card itself upon which an image is developed, through use of a unique card printing system described in applicants' issued U.S. Patent No 6,809,751, rather than presenting a sheet for development and then adhering the developed sheet to a substrate to form a card as described in Camillus et al. (See paragraph 21, the first three sentences, paragraph 27, the last three

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sentences of the paragraph, and paragraph 28, lines 1-4 of the paragraph). The ability to print on a sealed card eliminates the possibility of contaminants coming in contact with the image and altering or destroying it. Camillus et al does not provide this advantage. As such, applicant submits that all 35 USC §102 and 35 USC §103 rejections made in view of Camillus et al. as the main reference be withdrawn.

With regard to the 35 USC §102 rejections of the claims in view of Polykarpov '520, applicant submits the following. Polykarpov '520 does not disclose a sealed, card-shaped unit within which an image may be developed. Rather Polykarpov '520 focuses strictly on image development of a sheet containing photosensitive microcapsules, see col. 2, lines 1-17, see also col. 3, lines 5-29, where it explains that the image is developed and then laminated. As such, applicants respectfully submit that Polykarpov '520 does not disclose each element of the currently claimed invention, and thus, request that the rejections to the claims under 35 USC §102 be withdrawn.

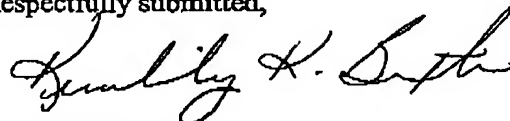
Each of the rejections included either the Camillus et al. reference or the Polykarpov '520 reference and, as such, applicant has not specifically addressed those references combined with Camillus or Polyparkov. Applicant reserves the opportunity to traverse the combined references if necessary in view of further office actions.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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